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Probable New United States Stamp Issues

The Tattered Flag And Other Finds In The Flag Stamps

Here is an unusual variety in the flag stamps. I call it the tattered flag and the reason is evident as the illustration shows a considerable piece torn from the flag and apparently waving in the breeze. This is a 5c Luxembourg flag stamp submitted by Mr. Carl Anderson of Des Moines, Iowa. Such varieties are not unexpected in stamps printed by the offset process as frequently in long runs of this type of printing the transfers on the plates sort of begin to slip and slide and in this instance a piece slid right out and adhered to the plate and thus took the ink and printed this freak.

Herman Herst of New York also submits a block of the same stamp which shows the corner name and in which there is a trace of the blue color in the first two letters of the name. This would be accounted for by the fact that the name is doubtless on the blue plate when put on the press and registered. It is then removed from the plate, or should be, and in this instance it was not thoroughly cleaned from the plate so we get a trace of the letters "LU" over the black printing.

Another flag variety comes from the Washington Stamp Exchange of Newark, N. J., this is a variety quite common in regular issues of the Bureau but the first we have seen in these flag stamps. It is a creased paper variety. The crease runs across a pair which has been submitted and is a double crease so that when ironed out there is a trace of the engraved print between the two creases.

Stamp Collecting In The Schools

The above title is given to a booklet of the Pan American Union which contains a reprint of the round table discussion on that subject held in Washington at the last Philatelic Congress. In addition to the round table discussion there are several pages which give helpful hints and suggestions for teachers who wish to use stamps in their class work.

This book is but the beginning of what may develop into a more helpful series of papers for teacher use.

Some weeks ago we printed an editorial in which we suggested that a series of small tracts in the form of a weekly paper such as is used in Sunday School classes, might be the best way to carry on this work. We still cannot think of a better way for if the work is to be promoted it must be done through some sort of publication that will reach the schools regularly and keep up their interest by association of current topics with stamps. Copies of this booklet may be had from the Philatelic Section, Pan American Union, Washington 6, D. C., at 10c each.

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Home Town Cover Collection Growing

Our editorial remarks some few weeks ago about a collection of home town covers has borne fruit in an unexpected manner. Our good friend L. D. Wolfersberger of Shiloh, Ohio has sent us a neat little cover of the vintage of 1861 with a handsome and clearly stamped Sidney, Ohio, postmark. The stamp is tied to the cover with light bar cancellations and at the left of the stamp is written in ink, "Crge Box 15" which refers to the custom in earlier days of allowing the people to carry an account with the Postoffice and all you had to do was turn your mail in and it was properly stamped and charged to your box.

We express our appreciation for this Sidney cover and while we do not expect friends to donate such covers to our small but growing collection, we would appreciate hearing from anyone who has Sidney, Ohio, cancels on cover and would be glad to purchase any such at a fair price. Just submit them to the editor of this paper.

We especially want business covers with corner cards as well as any enclosures in the way of printed stationery or other printed matter of early days.

U. S. Stamps Honor Chinese Republic

With the Chinese consul general, Tsune Chi Yu, looking on, Postmaster Albert Goldman yesterday presented Mayor LaGuardia with a sheet of new five-cent stamps in commemoration of the foundation Chinese Republic. The presentation was made in the mayor's office.

The above is exactly reprinted from a clipping from the New York Daily News of March 2, 1944. It was sent us by Mr. Richard C. Dahlem by Air Mail Special Delivery and Mr. Dahlem's only comment is "What's up now?"

We too wonder what's up and can only attribute it to another bad bit of stamp reporting by a New York Newspaper man who don't know a postage stamp from a Chinese Laundry Ticket. If anyone in New York has the time to visit the News Office and dig out the file for that date ask the Editor, maybe we can find out about this new stamp. Or maybe the Mayor will show it if you ask. On the other hand, why not ask Postmaster Goldman, maybe it's a private issue of his own.

TAKES NEW LOCATION

Readers are advised of the change of address of "Bernards," who have been regular users of space in this paper for some months. The old address at 1697 Broadway is changed to 110 West 42nd Street, New York. This new location is near many other stamp shops in the vicinity.

A COMMON COMPLAINT

A dealer in Bridgeport, Conn., asks that we write an article and try and impress on people the importance of writing or signing their name and address when they send orders to stamp dealers. It is stated that many letters come with the name and address so illegible that it is impossible to read it, thus orders can not be filled with safety. We too have the same trouble. We frequently receive subscriptions with the name or address so poorly written that we can not figure out what it is. If we make a blind stab at it and put the name on our mailing machine, its dollars to doughnuts that the paper won't reach the party or if it does we will be sent a letter that the address is wrong and why don't we put it right. This means, time trouble and expense and we have adopted the plan of clipping the poor address from the letter, pasting it on an envelope and mailing back to the party with request for plainly written address, thus we leave it to the P. O. to read it right.

Patriotic Envelopes In This Week's Mail

Sgt. Kenneth G. Auge of Tyn-dall Field, Florida, sends four new covers, all of the same design but in four different colors. They picture an instructor telling the boys that "This is a 50 Cal. Machine Gun".

Wesley Smith of Kirksville, Mo., offers a new type of cover in which the cachet ties up with the postmark, a really novel idea. Another cover on the current Red Cross drive is also offered.

Russell Cozart of Louisville, Ky., sends a set of 12 new covers from stock cuts, six subjects each in two different colors.

Frederick L. Cochran of Detroit offers three new designs, each printed in three different colors making a set of 9 new envelopes. These are rather better than average as the designs appear more or less original and are interesting.

While not in the Patriotic Cover line, we must refer to a number of pieces of historic Patriotic prints that have come from Stephen K. Nagy, Philadelphia dealer in old prints etc. These are of Civil War vintage and consist of pictures of some of the generals, of that period, some stationery of the period and some illustrated prints of poems and songs of the period. All old prints that will interest a collector.

Cleveland Airmail Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Cleveland Air Mail Society will be Friday, March 31st, 8.30 p. m. at the home of Member Mark C. Emsley, 14428 Birchwood Rd. Cleveland, Ohio.

The meetings of the Cleveland Air Mail Society are open to all Aero-Philatelists.

Stage Now Set For New Pictorial Air Mail Set Which Was Held Up Because Of Proposed Rate Change

For some months past there has been much comment leading collectors to believe that a complete new set of Pictorial Air Mail stamps were in the offing. Stories even went so far as to state that proposed designs had been submitted and that the stamps would illustrate the Air Service as carried on in war time, picturing Paratroopers and other air scenes, to make a set of real war stamps.

We who watch such announcements closely know that much of the published talk is without foundation, yet comes from official and semi-official sources, little scraps of conversation that grow into big things when written up by the scribes that gather the news.

Double Mussolini Stamps Are Issued In Many Varieties

Immediately after receiving the March 2 issue of this paper, in which we illustrated a new Italian stamp produced in a new manner, with an attached label on the stamp, we received several copies of the stamps from Mr. H. S. Bradley of Hamilton, N. Y., which show that there are numerous varieties of these stamps.

We illustrated a 30c brown stamp and quoted the inscription on the label which also bore the name of Mussolini. Among those sent by Mr. Hamilton we also find three new varieties of the 30c stamp in addition to the one illustrated and then all four of the varieties are also shown on a 50c violet of the same issue.

Besides the one we illustrated in the March 2 issue, none of the others bear the name of Mussolini. The wording on the other three stamps is quoted herewith. One stamp reads "La Disciplina / E' Arma/de/ Vittoria" another reads, "Tutto/E Tutti/Per/La Vittoria" and the other one is "La Vittoria/Sare/Del/Tripartito".

The designs on the attached labels are different on each stamp, the first one quoted above pictures the guns on a battleship, the second pictures bombing planes and the latter steel helmet with a short blade, probably a bayonet.

Complete Listing Of Defense Plate Numbers

Some inquiries have been made regarding a complete list of plate numbers on the Defense Issue and since the issue has now been superseded by the Win The War and other stamps it is likely that the following will prove to be a complete listing. The numbers are supplied by Mr. Walter C. Brink of Genesee Depot, Wisc.

In listing the numbers we have omitted "22" before each number as all are in the 22 thousand series.

One Cent
661-2-3-4, 673-4-9, 684-5, 698-9, 709, 746-7, 768-9, 782-3, 790-1, 849, 850-6-7, 862-3-6-9.

Two Cent
665-6-7-8, 675-6, 686-7, 700-1, 710-11, 747-9, 770-1, 784-5, 792-3, 851-2-8-9, 864-5, 870-1.

Three Cent
669, 670-1-2-7-8, 683-9, 690-1-2-3-4-5-6-7, 702-3-4-5, 712-13, 750-1, 772-3, 786-7-8-9, 794-5, 853-4, 860-1-6-7, 872-3-4-5-8-9.

CELEBRATE 250th MEET

The Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago will celebrate its 250th regular consecutive meeting on March 21st with an Open House meet at their club rooms in the Grand Crossing Park Fieldhouse at 77th street and Ingleside avenue, Chicago.

Bert Powell will be the Guest speaker and the closing hour of the meet will be occupied with one of the "Gedunk Parties" for which this club is famous. All collectors are welcome at this meet.

However, there has been sufficient said in print in the past few months to lead to the belief that a new set of air-mail stamps is in the offing and certainly at a time like this we could expect nothing else than a picture set honoring our armed forces of the air and our great air transport service. Perhaps the best reason that can be given as to why such a set has not already been issued is due wholly to the new tax bill recently passed and which provided for an increase in air mail rates.

Had a new set been planned some months ago, when the subject was first brought up in the newspapers it would now be obsolete and of no use since it was apparent to the Post Office Officials that a rate change was slated for the air mail letters. Had the set been started on the basis of the old 6c rate it would have called for stamps in multiples of 6c or values that would work out for that rate.

It was but natural that the Department, feeling that the rate was to be raised, would postpone issue of the necessary new stamps until after the rate was changed and now is the logical time to think of a new set to tie up with the new 8c rate.

The hurried production of the new 8c stamp in the same style as the current 6c was the logical answer to providing an 8c stamp for this new rate. Now that the stamp is ready, we can look forward with the hope that the new set we have expected will make its appearance as soon as the Bureau can handle the work required to produce such a set.

While there has been no announcement by the P. O. D. regarding a 16c Air Mail Special Delivery Stamp, it would seem certain that this will be the next stamp that we will see offered us.

It is a necessity and certainly will come just as soon as it can be prepared.

As for new envelopes, the Department will also have need for their preparation and since the Department has persistently preached to Postal Employees to encourage the public to use light weight air mail envelopes we can hope that it will lead the way by supplying such envelopes to the public.

A letter from the Department some months ago in reply to a suggestion from our office that they produce such envelopes brought a reply that the matter

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March 28/29

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Effective March 1, 1944; airmail service was inaugurated by Continental Airlines on AM-60 from Denver, Colorado; via Topeka, Kansas; to Kansas City, Missouri. There were no official cachets, but Continental provided an unofficial which the Postmasters at each stop applied to covers. This is a very attractive cachet, and rather than describe it, I am taking advantage of Continental's courtesy to illustrate it:



This cachet was applied in blue at Denver, in red at Topeka, in purple at Kansas City, and either red, blue, or green at the Kansas City Airmail Field Postoffice (I have seen all three colors on covers.) There was no cachet used at the Denver Airmail Field Postoffice.

Covers were cancelled at the following times:
Denver, Colorado, 6-AM.
Denver, Colo. Airmail Field, 7-AM.
Topeka, Kansas, (east to Kansas City) 3-PM.
Topeka, Kansas, (west to Denver) 4-30 PM.
Kansas City, Mo. 11-AM.
Kansas City, Airmail Field Postoffice 5-PM.

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Patriotic Cover Catalog—Soon Ready

Our printer told me today (March 9) that the Patriotic Cover Catalog would be printed next week. That is especially good news for us and for you who have ordered copies. We have addressed the envelopes for mailing them and just as soon as they reach our office they will go into the mails to you.

This catalogue is to be 100 pages, it lists over 3,000 different Patriotic Envelopes of this war and will serve as a splendid guide for trading and selling. The price is only \$1.00 post-paid and you who have not yet placed your orders may now do so in the knowledge that you will get the catalogue within a very few days at the latest. Remember that the edition is limited and the time to order is now. Address the publishers of this paper.

a morning and an evening round trip, but on the inaugural day the morning flight was cancelled at the last minute. This accounts for some covers being cancelled in the morning and others being cancelled in the afternoon, and yet all being carried on the same flight.

Covers addressed care of General Delivery at the stops on the flight were backstamped as follows:
Kansas City, Mo. (from Topeka & Denver), March 1, 8*
Denver, Colorado (from Topeka & Kansas City), machine cancel 9-PM.
Topeka, Kansas (from Denver), March 1, 1944*
Topeka, Kansas (from Kansas City), March 2, 1944 2-PM hand cancel.

In addition to these backstamps, many covers carried eastbound through Kansas City (regardless of where they were addressed to) received a machine backstamp of the Kansas City Airmail Field at 5-PM. Likewise, many covers carried westbound through Denver received a machine backstamp at the Denver postoffice at 9-PM. The machine cancel at Kansas City Airmail Field is a very attractive one and an unusual. In fact, machine cancels are scarce from all airmail field R. P. O.s.

Continental also printed a number of special envelopes with the cachet printed on it in brown ink, which were sold to collectors. Most of you probably read the announcement in this column. However, these were printed on the large size (#10) envelopes which are not suitable for cover collectors, and as a result most of them were received in damaged condition. In fact, all of mine were received damaged, and there is absolutely nothing that can be done about it.

Salina, Kansas, will be added as an intermediate point between Denver and Topeka in the near future. Better get your covers out now.

Quantities of covers carried, pilots, etc., will be given at a later date, as soon as I can get the information.

Moline, Ill. was added to AM-9 also on March 1st, and an attractive cachet was applied to covers. However, due to a lack of space, I'm going to hold the information about this flight until next week.

Another reminder, don't forget to use 8c postage on all airmail covers you may send out from now on. The new rates go into effect on March 26th, but I don't think there will be any new flights before that date.

A cover from Helena, Montana, bears the following legend: Avenue The Helena.—Buy War Bonds.

The following is the story behind the above slogan: On July 6, 1943, the Cruiser Helena was sunk in the Pacific ocean. It was commissioned in 1939 and named after Montana's capital city. After the cruiser was sunk, the committee in charge of the war bond drive in Helena evolved the slogan Avenue The Helena, and this slogan is being used in Montana to raise 15 million dollars, with which to build a new Cruiser Helena. This is indeed a patriotic gesture and a credit to the people of Montana.

A cover from Ireland bears two censor strips, one at each end. The strip on the right is the regular Anglo-American style. The one on the left is pink paper, printing in black, and bears two lines, one reading: An Scrudoir D' Oscall. The second line reads: Opened By Censor.

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ALONG THE CANYON —BY— JACK GOLDSTEIN



Master Sgt. George T. Baer, Air Corps, son of Henri Baer of the Subway Stamp Shop at 87 Canyon, now stationed in New Guinea, writes an interesting letter regarding conditions there. Take a tip, hold on to your stamps of New Guinea and Papua, no mint of any kind are there, read on and be convinced. Writes "Teddy" Baer: Stamps are out of the question here. Don't you see, that at one time the Aussies had been on about two hours notice to evacuate New Guinea altogether and everything was destroyed, burnt, even all their own records. They were ready if so much as a boat appeared on the skyline of Port Moresby, they would have set off the mines, the power plants, and all installations of any possible value. Luckily, nothing happened, the Yanks came, and here we are scattered all over the New Guinea area. If I had mint stamps, I possibly could get a cancellation on them, on letters, but there are no mint stamps here now or anywhere else on the island, even the New Guinea money is replaced by Australian money, which is all one sees here in the area. The few New Guinea coins are in the collections of the first Aussies and Yanks who moved in over two years ago. The natives are rather bright fellows, many of whom have been to school and some have even been sent to Sydney to school by Australians! They speak remarkably good English, about 90% (fact) of them have malaria in one stage or another along with a particular type of syphilis or gonorrhea, please excuse the spelling. Natives are required to be out of any G. I. camp area by sundown, for they are as much a danger as they are a help. If a mosquito bites a malaria infected native, he has to remain ten days isolated so as not to pass on the malaria to another person. Of course the mosquito if caught is also held and studied for observation, etc. The mosquito is most active after sundown, thus the ruling for the natives is strictly obeyed. The natives are enlisted in malaria control, spraying all puddles after a rain, also any stagnant water. They are mostly controlled by the Aussies and have their own transportation to all parts of the camp and are paid about a dime a day. Some natives cash in on the "tourist" Yanks and sell model boats, shell necklaces, at outlandish prices. I bought two strings of shells for a florin each (33 cents) and you can see the proportion of pay they receive, the conscientious worker very little, yet a

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fortune to him, for after all he never had anything before and shall have nothing much more when we eventually leave. The novelty seller may net as much as a pound a day picking up shells.

The most unpleasant thing right at present is the mosquitoes. My ankles are a mass of sores, made by scratching in my sleep. The sores heal very slowly and I'll never get over it until I leave this place.

The red-head I went out with in Sydney while we were there is engaged to a sailor in all places —Philadelphia. So long for now, Pop. Love, George.

TECHNICAL REPORT

Argentine Republic. "Semiofficial Air Mail Stamp."

The item listed by Sanabria as a "semiofficial" air mail stamp of the Argentine Republic is neither semiofficial nor is it a stamp.

It was demonstrated in THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST for February, 1941 by Col. R. A. Kimble that item is an aviation propaganda label officially authorized by the Director-General of Posts on June 18, 1912 at the request of the Commission for the establishment of a fund for an Argentine military aviation fleet. The proclamation authorizing the label contains the following provisions:

The use of the label was permissible (but not obligatory) on all mail matter where accompanied by the ordinary required amount of postage paid by regular Argentine postage stamps. It was to have no franking power, but all proceeds from its sale were to be turned over to the Commission for the purpose of promoting military aviation. It was to be sold at the face value of 5 centavos in the Argentine post-offices.

Thus it is seen that the status of the label is not semiofficial but official, and that it is not a postage stamp at all since it had absolutely no franking power. To call the Argentine label a "semiofficial postage stamp" is misleading. An appropriate title would be "official aviation propaganda label."

A late cover from the U. S. S. Jet, U. S. Navy, in south Pacific waters bears the words: "Buy War Bonds" in two lines between bars.

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233	4c Columbian (Block)	4.50	6.75	7.50
234	5c Columbian (Single)	.90	1.00	1.20
234	5c Columbian (Block)	5.25	7.75	8.50
235	6c Columbian (Single)	.85	1.00	1.20
235	6c Columbian (Block)	4.50	5.25	7.50
236	30c Columbian (Single)	4.75	5.25	7.50
236	30c Columbian (Block)	32.00		
240	50c Columbian (Single)	5.00	6.50	
240	50c Columbian (Block)	.35	.45	
285	1c Trans-Miss. (Single)		2.10	
285	1c Trans-Miss. (Block)			
314	1c Green Imperf. (Single)			
314	1c Green Imperf. (Block)			
324	2c Louisiana (Single)	.30	.35	.45
324	2c Louisiana (Block)	2.00	2.85	3.75
329	2c Jamestown (Single)	.21	.27	.40
329	2c Jamestown (Block)	1.35	2.00	2.90
541	3c Violet (Single)	.95	1.50	2.00
541	3c Violet (Block)	4.25	6.75	8.50
543	1c Green (Single)	.25	.45	
543	1c Green (Block)	1.00	1.50	2.00
550	5c Pilgrim (Single)	.85	1.40	2.00
550	5c Pilgrim (Block)	3.25	7.50	
647	2c Hawaii (Single)	.15	.18	.22
647	2c Hawaii (Block)	.60	.75	.90
648	5c Hawaii (Single)	.40	.46	.55
648	5c Hawaii (Block)	1.60	1.90	2.25
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There has been a renewed interest among "Topical" Collectors in stamps depicting flags, since the United Nations series has been issued. Flags have always been an inspiration to mankind. They express the life of the people, their courage, their loyalty, and their honor. Many countries have flags depicted on their postage stamps either as a motif of design or in some historic manner, such as the banners carried by Columbus and Megellan. Most of these stamps are large, colorful, and eye appealing, thus adding to collector interest. The bi-colored issues honoring the Pan American Union, and the 150th anniversary of the United States Constitution are especially attractive.

A very interesting "Topical" collection can be formed of these various issues. Picture a frame of these stamps on Cover. It would be a major attraction in the novelty class at an exhibit.

The following checklist of flag stamps will assist the collector who is planning such a collection. It is not complete for flags flying from ships and buildings insignificantly have not been included nor have flags which are part of a Coat of Arms been included. This is a subject in itself. All of the numbers are from Scott catalogue.

United States—121, 131, 231, 288, 329, 537, 628, 629, 690, 727, 739, 775, 909, 920, C20-C22.
Afghanistan—225, 226.
Algeria—163.
Argentina—376, 381-398, 405, 417, 482.
Bolivia—269.
Brazil—365, 370, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 502, 502A, C31, C39, C42.
Canada—255.
Castellorizo—60-64.
Chile—214, C56.
China—315-318.
Costa Rica—104, 111, 201-208, C57-C66.
Cuba—335, 347, 348, 365.
Curacao—CB1-CB8.
Czechoslovakia—195, 196, 187, 228, 229.
Danzig—29, 30E, 30L, 30S.
Dominican Republic—326, 327, 328, 335, 336, 337, 342-345, 351-355, 376, 377, 378, O1-O9.
Ecuador—366-372, 394-397, C32-C38, C77-C79, 413-415.
Epirus—15-27.
Finland—B2, B47.
Fiume—34, 37-43, 51, 54, 55, 57, 61, 63-70, 30-32, 47.
France—321, B8, B20, B77.
Germany—467, 468, 484, 485, B152, B152A.
Guatemala—259-263, 269, C99 (souvenir sheet).
Haiti—338, 339, C12, C13, CB1, CB2.
Hatay—18-21, 31-34.
Honduras—322-327, 330, 340, C84, C99 & C100 (souvenir sheets).
C101-C117, C01-C08, C129.
Hungary—500, B80.
Iceland—161, 2-3.
Irish Free State—103, 104.
Italy—295, 301, 302, CE5-CE7, E17.
Japan—163, 165.
Jugoslavia—2L35-2L38.
Liberia—109, 141, O54.
Lithuania—B52-B54.
Manchukuo—19, 21, 117, 119.
Martinique—173-175.
Mongolia—6.
New Zealand—236.
Nicaragua—295-304, 306-309, 311-320, 322-324, 337A-337E, 337I, 340, 341B-345B, 395, 396, 587-599, C77-C87, C238, C239, C253, O245-254, O256-O259, O320-O331.
Norway—B24.
Panama—185, 206, 207, 265, 317-321, 341, 342, 346, C49-C53, C62, C75.
Paraguay—330-337, 356-361, 387, 388, 390, C113, C115-C120.
Philippines—389, O21, O33.
Peru—RA4.
Poland—331.
Queensland—B1.
Roumania—230, B28, B32, B52.
Russia—376, 380, 403, 404, 432, 434, 440, 478, 518, 627, 628-635, 635-639, 697, 701, 771, 786, 859, 879, 880, 881, 884.
Salvador—60-75, 86, 88, 548-553, 572, C15-C18, C46, C61.
Samoa—23, 35, 142-153.
San Marino—82.
Southern Rhodesia—57.
Spain—427, 429, 585, 633.
Spain-Offices Morocco—211, 213.
Turkey—817, 819.
Ukraine—167.
Uruguay—398, 430-440.

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NEW 8c AIR MAIL PLATE NUMBERS

An announcement from the Information Service Bureau of the Post Office Department under which are being prepared for date of March 8th gives among other things a list of eight plates the new 8c Air Mail stamps.

These are all 200 subject electric eye plates and the numbers are 23121 to 23128 inclusive. Other new plates being prepared include more plates for the 6c Air Mail since this stamp will continue in use as the rate for Service men for overseas mail. Four new plates are being made, numbered 23111 to 23114 inclusive, all 200 subject electric eye plates.

A new 400 subject plate for the 25c and 30c Presidentials is also being prepared, the numbers are 23115 and 23116.

Four new booklet plates for the 1c presidential are also being made, all 170 subject electric eye plates numbered 23117 to 23120 inclusive.

The Philatelic Agency announces that the 30c Transatlantic Air Mail stamp, the one issued in 1939, was removed from sale at the Agency as of February 29th.

Sales at the Agency are continuing to grow and February shows sales of \$232,401.54. A tidy sum which indicates that the collectors are buying heavily and with the new issues that are expected during the current year, the sales will continue to mount.

February sales beat January sales by almost \$40,000.00.

The Postal Bulletin of February 29 contains a complete schedule of the new mail rates as applicable to all types of mail and postal service. Besides the new 8c air mail rate for letters which reads like a very complicated but of legislation, there is a number of provisions for air postage among which is one which provides for a 6c rate for the Armed forces.

The local letter rate for delivery of letters in the city in which mailed advances to 3c per letter. There is a small increase in the rate for Parcel Post packages. Registered rate is advanced to 20c with an increase for return receipts. The Minimum Money order fee is 10c. Other changes in rates seldom encountered by the general public are also to be made.

Among other things in the new rate announcement we note the announcement of the new 8c air mail stamp and the following, "Books of 8c air mail stamps and 8c air mail envelopes will not be available until a later date" which we can accept as a definite announcement that these will be issued although this is the first such statement we have seen. We find no reference to an 18c Air Mail Special Delivery stamp but such will undoubtedly be issued.

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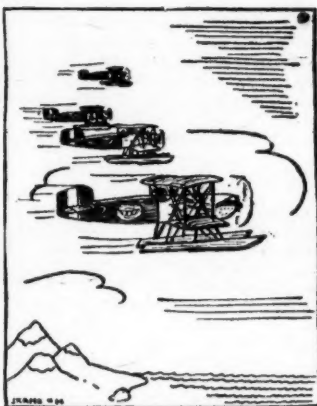
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The exhibition will feature war time philately of past and present, Aero philately and the usual large section devoted to air labels which is sponsored by the air label unit; a junior "Airpex" of Chicago's junior collectors; the Jack Knight air log donation auction; an air label bourse; issuance of the First Jack Knight air mail society air history souvenir label; and the regular west suburban dealers bourse of Roman Reinowski.



The show is being held in honor of the fighting U. S. army air corps and air corps material will also be on display. A souvenir sheet, the central design which is pictured here, has been released for the occasion. It is in three colors, red, white and blue, picturing the four Douglas cruisers that the army air corps completed the first successful aerial circumnavigation of the world back in 1924. Sets can be obtained from Earl H. Wellman at Brookfield, Illinois, for 10c and postage.

Announcement has also been made of a series of five cachets being issued to commemorate the 20th anniversary of this round the world flight from its start in March to its finish in September. These cachets are printed on per-manized air mail envelopes of the American air mail society and will be serviced on anniversary dates from points on the route of the flight. Interested philatelists are advised to contact the Jack Knight air mail society at Brookfield, Illinois, as soon as possible because war time duties will necessarily limit the number of sets they can service. The cost of the series of five cachets which includes per-manized envelopes, air mail postage, and complete servicing is \$1.00. Do not send your own covers as only your mailing address is needed.

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MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

We find a couple full pages of a magazine which are filled with howls of complaint about stamps bought at auction or through some advertisement and in which instance the buyer is grumbling for some reason or other.



Geo. W. Linn

Much of this expressed dissatisfaction is wholly unnecessary for very reason that with auction purchases, the stamps MUST be as described and represented or the bidder is in no way obligated to accept them and rather than grunt and growl he should immediately return the material and demand satisfaction, which means a refund if he has already paid for the lot. All sound auction houses meet their obligations in this respect and there is little need for any collector to be stuck on any auction purchase. Only last week we received a lot which contained two stamps, both described as MINT. To us, MINT means with the gum on them as originally issued. We returned the lot immediately as we were in no way obligated to accept same and we would like to see any auction dealer try to force acceptance of any such lots. Without question, the description of the lot in the catalog was an error by the auction house and any reputable house will expect to suffer from their own errors. We have usually found auction houses very fair in all such matters.

Another complaint in the same paper is about a mixture purchased from a dealer who advertises rather heavily in many papers but not in the one referred to. We happen to know from printed statements that this dealer offers to refund the purchase price on demand for this mixture if not satisfactory to the buyer, so why grunt about it, return it and get your money back but return it promptly as requested and don't hold it for a month and then expect to get your money back. We would hate to offer mixtures on that plan since there are many who would comb it for a stamp or two that would appeal to them and then want to return the rest. Collectors will help in showing dealers that they must deliver the right goods if they will insist on the dealer living up to his offers and that means simply returning and refusing anything not as it should be, based on the printed offer.

THAT 800TH BIRTHDAY NUMBER

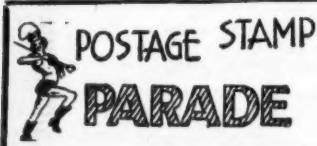
We are now fully recovered from the strenuous job of getting out that 800th edition of this paper which was quite a task for a one man office. We feel obliged to comment on this subject if only to thank those many readers who have sent us congratulatory cards and letters, several of them assuring us that they have been subscribers since number one of this paper. Thanks to everyone for we can not possibly find time to acknowledge all of those letters and we do share the hope with many of you that we might some day print a 1600th edition.

ANOTHER SCOOP FOR LINN'S READERS

A few collectors close by have already inquired of us, "How come you printed a picture of new 8c air mail stamp and none of the other papers had it?" Well brother, that is just another little secret of a good newspaper office. We prefer not to reveal our source of that picture for if we coach the other boys too much some of them might get awake at some future date and that would spoil our fun.

A TWO DAY VACATION

We have been hustling all this week trying to gain a day with all our copy and other matters in order that we might take a weekend trip to Cleveland and visit with the collectors who will gather for the big Garfield-Perry Annual. These short trips are the only vacation we can get and we get a world of good out of them. But we always have a hard week following as we must make up for the lost time and that means some night work coming up again next week.



Joseph J. Goldberg, Editor

4755 N. Barnard St. Chicago, Ill.
ADEN—pictorial postage. Three values of the 1939 postage pictorial set have appeared on War paper. Values are: 1½a red, 8a red orange, and 1R emerald.

BRITISH HONDURAS—postage. Six values of the current series have been issued in a War printing. Colors are slightly different, perforations have been changed, and paper is whiter. Values are 3c, 5c, 15c, \$1, \$2 and \$5.

—Serebrakian
PORTUGAL—commemorative postage. The First Congress of Agricultural Sciences in Portugal has been commemorated with a set of two stamps picturing a farmer with a farming implement over his shoulder striding down a road. Values are 10c blue, and 50c red.

—N. Y. Journal American
TONGA—commemorative postage. To commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Silver Jubilee of Queen Salote, Tonga has issued a special set of five stamps. This special issue was printed in sheets of sixty

stamps, on paper with the C. A. Script watermark and fea-



ures a full length portrait of Her Majesty in Regal attire standing to the right of her throne, but with a commemorative inscription inserted at the bottom of the stamp. Denomination is lower right hand corner. Queen Salote rules over a group of Islands in the South Pacific, under English protection since 1889. Values and colors of the set are:
1d black and red
2d black and purple
3d black and green
6d black and orange
1S black and brown.

N. Y. Sun

ZANZIBAR—postage. Three values of the current postage set have been printed in a War printing. Values are 15c deep red, 40c brown and 2 shillings violet.

Philatelic Notes

From Australia

BY S. MILLER

AUSTRALIA

No new stamps have so far made their appearance since January 1942 when the 1d. stamp with the redesigned portrait of the Queen was issued. What a contrast of the buzzing activities of the U. S. Post Office!

The most important event in the philatelic annals of the Commonwealth during 1943 has been the inauguration of the air-graph service on July 6th, which now links it with most of the British Empire. This means a saving of anything up to two months in the time required for the transmission of letters to Great Britain.

Many men of the U. S. forces stationed in this country continue their philatelic activities and most of them have taken up collecting the stamps of the Commonwealth. From personal experience as a stamp dealer I find that U. S. servicemen even in forward battle zones keep constantly in touch with the hobby and manage to add to their collections despite all kinds of difficulties.

Something of a sensation was caused when the Specimen sets for Collectors sold by the Postal Department for many years had their contents drastically revised. Up to October last, the highlight of these Specimen sets (containing 64 current and obsolete stamps cancelled to order) was the 5/- Sydney Bridge stamp which was worth nearly the 20 shillings (\$3.30) paid for the Specimen set. The revised sets do not contain the 5/- Bridge stamps, nor any of the commemoratives prior to 1934.

Evidently supplies of these stamps held by the Postal Department have now been exhausted and the more recent issues from 1934 including all current pictorials form the Specimen set.

The effect of this change on the market value of the 5/- Bridge stamp has been already very marked and it looks as if this really scarce stamp will commence now a rapid and steady climb in the catalogue valuations on both sides of the Atlantic.

Another set likely to increase in value because of its replacement in the Specimen set is the Kingsford Smith issue overprinted O. S. This pair has been catalogued fairly high and the open market could usually supply the two stamps at about one third of catalogue. It is very doubtful whether this will be possible now.

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The 1943 Health triangular set had quite a deal of advance publicity and it has justified it by selling over a million sets during its first month of currency. The Plate Number appears immediately below the Bradbury Wilkinson Co.'s Imprint and Plate No. so far observed are 4 and 5 for the 1d.½d., and 3 and 6 for the 2d. 1fd.

NO MEXICAN A. P. O.

In our issue of March 2, we mentioned covers of Mexico from Mr. W. E. Dowser and referred to one with an O. P. A. in the cancel and questioned if it could have any relation to our own A. P. O. postmarks.

Mr. George H. Wettach of New York advises that the Mexican postmark with the lettering O. P. A. 430 is on a Railway Mail cover. The initials stand for Oficina Postale Ambulant or R. P. O. as we would say. The number refers to the route or train.

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It will be 93 years ago the third of next month when Congress approved the bill reducing letter postage to three cents within the United States. That is historical, and the story behind it may be interesting to the people of this country, and particularly to the public in this community. The reason for that is that the man that sponsored the bill, and cleverly worked it through was a Toledo citizen, Judge Emory Davis Potter, elected to the 30th Congress in 1848.

The story is told in a book printed in Boston in 1888 which is a record of the genealogy of the Potter families. And the fact that Judge Potter was the author of the bill is not nearly so fascinating as the means his quick mind adopted when he found there was much opposition (believe it or not) to reduction of postage, particularly among southerners. Their reason was based mainly on the fact that there was no small coin, pennies not being used in the south, according to the author.

When Congressman Potter discovered the reason for objection he having introduced the bill shortly after he took his seat, he knew it could not be passed unless the complaint was overcome. Now! So he put his wits to work. He had a die made for casting a three-cent piece, with a star on one side and "C III" on the other, some still being in circulation as late as 1888. He paid the expense, sent the die to the mint, had several hundred three cent pieces made without the knowledge of other members of the body. There was no law for this, but the coin and coinage were authorized later through another bill introduced by the Toledo Congressman. So he was the father of both three-cent postage and the first three-cent coin.

Then the Congressman called up his postage bill in the House. Southerners "jumped" it on the ground there was no small coin for the postage. Congressman Potter laid several of the coins on the speaker's desk, handed some to the man who was objecting. The argument was silenced. All hands were curious and soon each fellow had a three cent piece. "The trick was so clever the argument so unanswerable, and put the House in such good humor, that the bill finally passed and became a law, March 3, 1851," the record says. Thanks to Judge Emory D. Potter.—Clipping from Toledo, Blade, by Quaker Stamp Co.

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OUR GIRLS OWN COLUMN

By EULALIA TURNER
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Just when it began to look as though British Colonials might be forced into a seat far back at the rear of the hall for the rest of the "duration," up pops H. E. Harris and Co., of Boston to produce a most elegantly arranged wholesale catalogue on British Colonials for distribution amongst the trade and now British Colonials no doubt will suddenly shove their way up to the speaker's platform and proceed to monopolize the lime-light for quite some time to come.

They were getting wretchedly scarce, British Colonials were. Few dealers supplying the trade had much of a stock to offer, apparently; either that, or they had planted them deep in the basement for the present. A stray short set or two now and then occasionally was offered; once in a blue moon a few full sets were tossed out into the arena. But when the great Kenmore stock was slapped under lock-and-key a couple of years ago and remained permanently out of circulation until the Harris firm floated the purchase of that great stock, British Colonials became extremely difficult to obtain in either quantity or variety.

Then, shortly after taking over the big Kenmore stock, the Harris people suddenly curtailed their activities to a great extent and just about locked the gate once more on the Kenmore material. Now it's back in circulation: the new Harris catalogue will unquestionably fetch in avalanches of sudden orders. And collectors who have yawning gaps in their British Colonial departments will have the opportunity of plugging same, no doubt.

It's nice to see such a wide variety of British Colonials once again floating around on the waters of commercial barter. They've always had strong following and they always have had clients

who're partial to British Colonials and to naught else, so to speak. Then all general collectors go for them in a huge way. And the women, fine souls, are attracted to the amazing beauty and pictorial qualities of the various issues, from which there is much to be learned in more ways than one. Now that the raging war has made geography a rather important topic.

Then again, the release of this enormous stock will switch many dealers temporarily away from Central and South American issues which, always popular and substantial merchandise, nevertheless can become a bit monotonous for a steady diet.

So if you're hungry for British Colonials, the appetite should be getting the wrinkles erased shortly. They're to be had under the latest Harris move.

Collectors who go hot and furious for animal, map, water-fall, and kindred stamps for their various side-lines will relish the recent release of above mentioned British Colonials.... Out-flung colonies to heck and gone down across the seven seas are rich in pictorials of the animal kingdom in particular.... And those of you who follow the ever-popular New Zealand Health issues, don't wait too long ere snatching what you need to bring the meeting up to date.... They're climbing in price faster than a P-38 chasing a Jap Zero into the land of the sunken sun.... A nice apronful of Walter Winchell's orchids to George W. Linn for his plain-spoken stand on the "speculative" issues (stink-o issues would be a better description!) thrown out recently as well as practically always, somewhere or other, to hornswoogle the collector.... More pressure brought to bear and more publicity poured down, the necks of such nefarious issues the minute they're hatched would help bury such practices.

Shangri-La Launching Cached Covers Will Be Prized By Collectors

The great Aircraft Carrier "Shangri-La," so named because of a chance remark by President Roosevelt, that the planes which first bombed Japan had come from Shangri-La, was launched on Thursday, February 24th at Portsmouth, Virginia Navy Yard.

Mrs. James Doolittle, wife of the famed Major General Jimmy Doolittle who, when a lieutenant colonel, startled the world by leading 16 North American B-25 medium Army bombers, on April 18, 1942 from "Shangri-La," in the first raid on Tokyo and four other Japanese cities.

The origin of the name, Shangri-La, is well known to all Americans by now.

Doolittle and his raiders took off from an aircraft carrier 800 miles from Tokyo, the first time that Army medium bombers ever took off in numbers from an aircraft carrier of the Navy. The name of the carrier was withheld when the announcement of the raid was made. When President Roosevelt was asked at a press conference where the Tokyo bombers took off he replied that they came from a new secret base in Shangri-La. (Shangri-La is the fictional land of the book "Lost Horizon," by James Hilton.)

Later, it was disclosed that the secret base in "Shangri-La" was the USS Hornet. The Hornet subsequently was announced as lost in the Battle of Santa Cruz, Oct. 26, 1942.

Our thanks goes to Mr. W. B.

Greek Flag Stamp Is Very Messy, Unusual

Mr. Edward H. Shelton of Butte, N. Dak., sends two sheets of Greek Flag stamps which he thinks are very messy and unusual. The flag shows the shading in the white stripes very strong in some stamps and almost gone in others. This is not unusual in these stamps. None of the issues show so much difference in the flag as in this stamp in the light blue color. Some weeks ago Bob Molitor of Cleveland showed us a sheet in which the cross was misshapen and twisted and partly missing in the stamps.

When we get several of these different items together we sort of wonder if the printing might not have been done by "Sloppy Joe" or some other such printer. However understanding offset lithography as we do it is readily apparent why these varieties occur and we therefore give them little consideration.

In the article in this issue on Printing Processes we give some information on the making of the plates for offset work and an explanation as to just how these poor prints may occur.

About Reconstructed Miniature Sheets

An interesting illustrated circular comes from Mr. H. Fluegel, Box 646 Franklin Station, Washington, D. C. It illustrates three forms of reconstructed miniature sheets of the new flag stamps as well as giving diagrams for the twelve different printings of these stamps. Collectors who are interested will find much information in this circular.

A great many collectors have taken up the new hobby of reconstructing sheets of stamps. This process requires all the marked pieces from the edges of the

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This is a subject which might well be given further space in our paper and we hope some day to illustrate the idea so that it will be more clearly understood.

V-mail letters come under a number of entry cancels. I have them with the following postmarks: U. S. Postal Service No 1, 2 & 3, also New York, N. Y., Grand Central Annex. Also San Francisco, Calif., #1, 7, 8, 9 and 13. Some bear no postmarks at all.

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Another sale will include a Canada and Newfoundland collection also strong in blocks including the Jubilees complete in blocks. Cuba, Canal Zone, Philippines, Hawaii, Guam are also well represented. There is an excellent collection of U. S. Revenues and the U. S. Envelopes catalog about \$6,000.00 and form a very interesting group. There are also good collections of Dues, Departments, Conf. States, etc.

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CHRISTMAS AND CHARITY SEALS

BY
BEN L. MORRIS
Bellaire, Ohio

It is learned on good authority that one thing has been decided on for the new 1944 National Tuberculosis Seal and that is that it will bear the year date for the first time and very likely the name of the country or something that will identify it as the U. S. issue. Both of these items, while meaning nothing in the general work of Christmas Seals, mean a lot to the collectors, and indicate that the N. T. A. is paying some attention to the seal collectors. The name of the country will be of particular interest, in line with the movement to have the same design used by all seal issuing countries. The official announcement concerning the issue of the seal is expected shortly from the Association.

First Philatelic Seal

Emma E. Batchelor in Chapter No. 1 News issues in New York in the interests of the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society, says "Most of us are familiar with the first Christmas seal, but who knows where the first Philatelic Exhibition Seal came from? It was an overprint on McGreeley 25c express stamp that was used in Alaska, and is marked 'Souvenir of the First Exhibition of the Pacific Philatelic Society San Francisco, 1902'." We are not trying to start an argument but just telling what the estimable lady wrote.

Two Issues Mexican Seal

There are two issues of the new 1943 Tuberculosis seal from Mexico. The first print that came our way is the dull red one on which the inscriptions can hardly be read. Later we have seen one from a new die, the same red shade of the woman holding a child with the light of the Lorraine cross shining on it but it is much clearer, only has a single fram line around it, and the inscription at the bottom which is in the body of the first seal, is below the frame line on this one and is clearly legible. So far we have not learned the source or the society that issues them. Would like to hear from some of Linn's Mexican readers on this.

Some nice items for poster seal collectors are coming from some of the Army or Navy camps about the country. A friend sent one in gold as big as a half dollar with "U. S. Navy" in blue across the top and "Camp Parks, Calif." across the bottom.

The National Tuberculosis Association is anxious that its friends do not mix it up with the American Red Cross. There is no connection between the two organizations for over twenty-five years. The Red Cross is a disaster and war relief organization and its funds are used for that purpose while the N. T. A. is exclusively for the study and relief of tuberculosis. The many who speak of the annual issue of seals Red Cross Christmas Seals are in error.

The National Y. M. C. A. which issued four seals in 1943 advertising the various branches of its work, is out with a single seal for 1944 that is very attractive. Have also seen it imperforated.

Was recently shown two panes of fifteen each of the Starr Home seal. No. 1, for 1917 issued at Albion, Mich. This is a very rare item and several who have written the home concerning this issue have been told they only had a very few and were asking \$10.00 each for them.

Another sheet of the 1943 error in the N. T. A. seal, the issue on which the black color, was omitted,

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Polpex 1944 Show Was Huge Success

A mighty showing of the stamps of Poland and its plebiscites amid historic objects bearing on the stamps themselves thrilled a thousand visitors to Polpex 1944 on February 25 to 27 at the Polish Museum in Chicago. Members of the Polonus Philatelic society showed their best in the finest manner befitting a national exhibition. Some of the exhibits were in wall cases, others were under plate glass table tops and still others were in frames. All exhibits were by invitation only. The presentation was dramatic alongside of relics and historic objects closely related to the stamps themselves and served to interest many a "philatelic widow" and her blood while papa concentrated on the stamps. The Museum Custodian, M. Haiman and Exhibition Directors, John Bobo and Roman Reinowski deserve much praise for their accomplishment.

Steve Rich of New Jersey headed the parade with stampless and other covers over a hundred years old. Dr. Kozakiewicz swamped the show with covers of Poland No. 1 and with Lublins. Frank Wolosewick featured a masterful study of the Krakows in several settings, all laboriously notated and tabulated. Jack Domar and John Jaworski arranged a very colorful display of general issues of Poland in singles and blocks. Thad Stanczak and Lee Sobanski showed commemoratives galore. Air mail covers, meticulously mounted and described, were entered by John Gapinski. Select covers of philatelic and historic importance were plentiful and the fine ones belonged to Dr. Ploski of Carolina, Chester Mikucki of the navy and to Lester Jankowski and Ben Reeves of Chicago. Clem Pulaski of Pennsylvania had a huge display of postal cards with their artistic illustrations of Polish subjects.

The plebiscites and adjoining territories of Poland were fully covered by highly specialized exhibits which revealed scholarly research. Vincent Domanski of Philadelphia showed proofs and varieties of Eastern Silesia and Marienwerder on black album pages. Dr. Uznanski massed his Upper Silesia errors and inverts into several cases. Myron Steczynski completed this group with Allenstein and Central Lithuania.

Polpex 1944 also included a bourse and an auction. The souvenir sheets, ribbons, etc., were praised by everyone. The show was well attended by collectors from near and far and leaves an indelible impression of another job well done by Polonus.

ted, has turned up in Kansas City. While there is no key on the seal, as the keys were in black, they have been identified by consistent flaws as E & D prints. There should be two more of them somewhere in the country.

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O. G.

This is an old wheeze to old time precancel collectors but I still find enough of the uninitiated not understanding it that I think its worth a few words each season. Just recently a novice collector wrote me about some precancels he had and in each instance he emphasized the fact that the precancels were O. G. or mint or with full gum as you like. This despite the fact that almost every writer of precancels has mentioned the fact that there is no such a thing as O. G. or mint precancels. Here it is straight! If you have precancels with gum on them it DOES NOT ADD to their value, no precancel catalog of any kind lists O. G. precancels nor are there any precancel collectors collecting them with full gum. Many precancels come into the hands of collectors with full gum. These are acquired in devious ways but as far as the died in the wool precancel collector is concerned they all end up in the same place the "bathtub." In fact some collectors call certain items that they know were not taken from regular mail "bathtubbed items." So if you are a non-precancel collector and happen to be reading this item tell your friends that Gierhart said that full gum means NOTHING on a precancel.

Notes.

The Industrial Commission Office at Columbus has been using the 3c presidential coils in their propaganda mail to the industrial plants throughout the state. Western States Envelope Co. used a 3c Defense from Milwaukee in U-13 type.—Have a report that Tawas City, Mich., used some Flag stamps during the holiday season, just which ones and the exact type I can't say. Michigan collectors please note.—F. W. Campbell reports that a 2c Canadian numeral precancel in the "error number 3070" exists. All copies reported have been badly centered.

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was to be taken up with the manufacturers to see if they could make an embossed light weight envelope. Personally we see no need for embossing on such an envelope. It is usually so poorly done that it adds little to the appearance of the envelopes and if done principally as a guard against counterfeiting, we see no need for such guard for the sole reason that these envelopes are used in such limited numbers by the general public and there would be such a vague chance of selling spurious ones to any larger user than any thought of counterfeiting an 8c airmail envelope would certainly be discarded by anyone who ever harbored the thought.

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